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For: LOOPBACK
PROCESSING METHOD
AND APPARATUS

Application No. 09/780,590

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Dear Assistant Commissioner:

Applicants through their attorney submit herewith, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98, a list of references of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and with respect to which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56.

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These have been previously submitted in the U.S. Patent No. 6,148,010 issued 11/14/2000 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Distributing and Consolidating Data Packets onto Multiple Network Interfaces"; and in the pending U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/151,533 filed 09/11/1998 entitled "LOOPBACK PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS" and currently assigned to the assignee of the present application.

While the references identified herein may be material to the examination of this application pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56, the citation of these references is not intended to constitute an admission that any reference referred to herein is prior art to the invention of this application unless specifically designated as such.

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A list of the references cited herein is set forth on Form PTO-1449 which is enclosed herewith. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98(d) Applicants are not required to submit copies of the references and accordingly have not provided copies herewith. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner return to Applicants the enclosed copy of the Form PTO-1449 indicating consideration of the references.

The subject application is believed patentable over any of the above-references.

Respectfully submitted,

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